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STATE OF WORK IN THE HIGH COURT.

The Registrar, Madras High Court, has sent to us the following for publication in the columns of our Journal:—

"As there appears to be some misapprehension regarding the amount of work pending disposal in the High Court and as erroneous statements have been made publicly in this connection, the following statement of the actual position is published.

The total number of cases pending in the High Court is now smaller than it has been for some years; but it is still large. On the 1st December, 1941, the cases pending were:—

358 Original suits,
55 Original petitions,
2025 Petitions under the Presidency Towns Insolvency Act,
1057 Appeals from original decrees of Mufassal Courts (First Appeals),
59 Appeals from the decrees passed on the Original Side of the High Court (Original Side Appeals),
54 Appeals from decrees of the City Civil Court,
2219 Appeals from appellate decrees of the Mufassal Courts (Second Appeals),
822 Appeals from orders of Mufassal Courts (Civil Miscellaneous Appeals),
438 Appeals from appellate orders of Mufassal Courts (Civil Miscellaneous Second Appeals),
36 Letters Patent Appeals,
2653 Civil Revision Petitions,
1630 Civil Miscellaneous Petitions,
41 Referred Trials,
166 Criminal Appeals,
62 Criminal Revision Cases, and
40 Criminal Miscellaneous Petitions.

Many of the original suits, first appeals, second appeals and civil revision petitions were filed in 1939 and some in earlier years.

The decision to take up a selected number of old second appeals and civil revision petitions for disposal without further printing was made only because the output of the printers was insufficient to keep pace with the disposals of the Judges. Steps have now been taken to increase the output of the press.

The institutions on the Appellate Side have shown a marked increase during 1941. The number of first appeals filed up to 1st December, 1941, was 490 against 332 in the first eleven months of 1940. The figures for second appeals and civil revision petitions are 1396 and 2647 respectively for the first eleven months of 1941 against 1054 and 2061 respectively for the period from 1st January, 1940 to 30th November, 1940.

(Sd.) S. P. THOMPSON,

Registrar.

High Court of Judicature,
Madras, dated 4—12—1941.

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